— बहुधात्विक नोड्यूल्स के लिए 1,50,000 वर्ग कि० मी० के समग्र अग्रणी राष्ट्र क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण

— चेन्नई में नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑव ओसियन टैक्नोलोजी (एनआईओटी) की स्थापना

— मछुआरों की सुरक्षा को बढ़ाने के लिए चार दक्षिणी राज्यों में नौ स्थानों पर संचार सुविधाओं की स्थापना की गई

कोयला मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— वोर्सिल सैपेरेटर का औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोग

— धातुकर्म उद्योग के लिए अति स्वच्छ कोयले का विकास

— शार्ट वाल खनन की शुरुआत

खान मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोगों के लिए कॉलम फ्लोटेशन प्रौद्योगिकी

— खनन उद्योग के लिए ऊर्जा दक्ष सामग्री

विद्युत मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— स्टेटकोन डायनेमिक वोल्टेज रिस्टोरर (डीवीआर) का विकास और परीक्षण

Gauge conversion on silchar-Lumding Section

*74. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a full-fledged office of Additional Chief Engineer (Engg.) at Silchar for execution of gauge conversion works of Silchar-Lumding section of N.F. Railway;

(b) if so, whether the said office has been provided full strength of manpower to execute the work;

(c) what are the reasons for not inviting tenders for carrying out the work and whether the survey report by RITES had already been submitted in part;

(d) by when the work is likely to be started and gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar Section of NF Railway be completed; and

(e) which is the nodal agency to monitor the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Addl. Chief Engineer in Railways at present such a designation existed before fourth Pay Commission. However, there is a full fledged office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction at Silchar for execution of gauge conversion work of Silchar-Lumding section.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is an office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction Lumding also headed by Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction with his Executives and Sub-ordinates for executing the work.

(c) The survey work for a total length of 170 km excluding 30 km stretch between Badarpur—Silchar has been entrusted to M/s RITES. Part estimate covering the length of 20 km from Lumding end has been submitted by M/s RITES, recently about a month back which is under scrutiny. Three contracts for earthwork and minor bridges in 30 km stretch between Badarpur and Silchar have already been awarded and work is in progress. Work in first 20 km from Lumding would also be taken up shortly for which preliminary arrangements are being made.

(d) The work has already been started and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(e) The nodal agency for monitoring the progress of the work is the General Manager/Construction, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati.

रेल परियोजनाओं के निर्माण कार्य का रुकना

*75. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: